

## **Who we are**

The Ethanol Working Group (EWG) is a coalition of public and private organizations, universities, and state agencies interested in the promotion of ethanol in Michigan.

## **Contact information**

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Additional ethanol information is available on the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan website at [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org) and the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at [www.michiganbioenergy.org](http://www.michiganbioenergy.org)

## **Ethanol Education/Promotion**

### **Ethanol Workshop**

The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) in partnership with the Michigan Departments of Consumer & Industry Services/Energy Office and Agriculture held the third annual Michigan Ethanol Workshop on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. This year's workshop had the highest attendance yet and had the most legislator participation. Announcements about the many positive and recent developments in Michigan related to the new ethanol plant and supportive legislation were especially well received. Discussion during the wrap-up session focused on the need for more consumer education including ethanol refueling site promotions, school/youth education, and the need for a standard ethanol logo/slogan. Additional items discussed were: pump labeling of ethanol, the need to improve Michigan's ethanol infrastructure, and E85 pricing.

A limited number of workshop folders and speaker presentations are available. Please contact Kelly Launder at (517) 241-6223 or by email at [kelly.launder@cis.state.mi.us](mailto:kelly.launder@cis.state.mi.us), if interested.

### **Ethanol Plant Update**

In September a \$5 million appropriation for Michigan's first large-scale ethanol plant was passed by the MI Senate and House and signed by Governor Engler for the 2002 budget. Discussions are currently taking place on how the funds will be distributed.

### **Additional Updates**

#### **University of Michigan Receives Grant for Ethanol Research**

CIS' Energy Office recently awarded a \$19,999 matching grant to the University of Michigan to test the use of E10 (10% ethanol, 90% gasoline) and E85 (85% ethanol, 15% gasoline) blended fuel in small engines. Both fuel economy and emissions will be calculated.

#### **Record-Breaking Ethanol Production**

U.S. ethanol production in August reached a record-breaking high of 114,000 barrels per day, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. If this trend continues, U.S. ethanol production could reach an all time high of 1.8 billion gallons for this year. (Renewable Fuels Association, Ethanol Report, 9 October 2001.)

## **Additional Updates-continued**

### **Kettering University to compete in 2002 Clean Snowmobile Challenge**

Along with seventeen other universities, Kettering University (KU) will be participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Clean Snowmobile Challenge (CSC) in Jackson Hole Wyoming on March 23-29. Although the CSC limits the level of ethanol used in the competition to 10%, KU has modified their snowmobile to run on ethanol blends up to 85%. Kettering's Clean Snowmobile team plans to conduct special emissions test at the CSC to demonstrate the additional emissions benefits obtained while using E85.

## **Upcoming Events**

- \* November 6<sup>th</sup> -Michigan State University Energy Summit
- \* February 27-March 1<sup>st</sup> -National Ethanol Conference: Policy & Marketing
- \* March 23-29<sup>th</sup> -Clean Snowmobile Challenge
- \* April 11<sup>th</sup> -National AFV Day Odyssey @ Lansing Community College
- \* May 12-15<sup>th</sup> -National Clean Cities Conference
- \* June 3<sup>rd</sup> -Corn Utilization & Technology Conference

\*If anyone would like additional information on any of these conferences or knows of others that may be of interest to the group please contact Kelly Launder at (517) 241-6223 or [kelly.launder@cis.state.mi.us](mailto:kelly.launder@cis.state.mi.us).